**MINUTES OF GMOM POLICY COMMITTEE AND GMOM BOARD MEETING**, July 24, 2013,
at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland in Charles Village, Baltimore.

GMOM Policy Committee Meeting (6 pm): Present: Joe Adams, Charlie Cooper, Michael Lore, Mark Patro
GMOM Board Meeting: (7 pm): Present: \*Joe Adams, \*Charlie Cooper, \*Hillary Kruh, Noel Levy,
\*Mark Patro, Arlene Ogurick, and by phone: Ruth Alice White and Ryan Clayton (national director of Wolf-Pac.com).

(\* = Board Member; Quorum, with 4 of the 5 Board members present, Angud is out of the country).

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We would like more research on exactly how far this has gone in various states. Per Michael, this information is available through the National Conference of State Legislators.

We confirmed that we’re no longer pursuing contacts with other groups like Progressive Neighbors, and we’ve already touched base with Public Citizen Inc., and Common Cause MD. (CC-MD would be supportive to some extent).

Per Charlie, on Aug 20th a meeting is scheduled with Del. Ron George: gubernatorial candidate, the only R who signed the Raskin letter, on the W&M Elections Subcommittee, was on the MD Campaign Finance Reform Commission; we believe we can get constituents to attend.

Meeting with Sen. Raskin will probably be late August; he’s on vacation currently.

We won’t meet with any Senators until the Raskin meeting. At that time, good Senators to meet with initially will be: Sen Mike Miller (Senate President), Bill Ferguson, Roy Dyson, (Chair of an election subcommittee), Karen Montgomery, Edward Kasemeyer, Normal Stone (for whom Michael works).

We can start meeting with state Delegates now, but not yet any and all Delegates (lest one of them prematurely decides to become the lead sponsor). Targets for now (who might make a reasonable lead sponsor) are: Delegates: Michael Bush (House Speaker), Nicholaus Kipke (R), John Cluster (R) (Mark knows him), Jon Cardin, Michael Summers, Steve Lafferty (Joe, Mark and Angud Noor plan to meet with him, but after 8/28/13 because of vacations), Joseph Boteler (who is open to this idea per Mark who has discussed it with him), Susan Aumann (R), William Frank (R) (who has made some initial supportive comments), Robert Costa (R), Michael Summers.

Should we ask for a Task Force to examine the issue? Probably not, because there may be few opportunities for us to educate members.

This will be a joint resolution.

Michael has written a concise written summary of the issue to present to legislators; OK for people to edit further for their own use. An edited version is on the GMOM website on the Resources/Links/FAQ page.

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**MINUTES OF GMOM BOARD MEETING:** July 24, 2013, at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, 7 pm

Led by Charlie.

Minutes of the prior Board Meeting of 6-24-13 minutes approved

**Policy Subcommittee Report (Charlie):**

 The charge of the Policy Committee was read by Charlie, and accepted.

Wording of a possible addition to WolfPac draft resolution was read by Charlie, which adds the issue of corporate personhood. This was accepted, pending discussions with Senator Raskin, etc.

Ryan recommended caution in meeting initially with a Republican, lest the effort becomes seen as a Republican effort, may make it harder to pass in a House dominated by Democrats. Charlie noted that we are hoping for a Democrat sponsor in the Senate (hopefully Sen Raskin), and a Republican sponsor in the house. Ryan conceded that this scenario in MD may make a good impression nationally, but a possible obstacle to passage in Maryland. Charlie will attempt to get a meeting with Speaker Busch before the meeting with Ron George, to seek advice. And it’s not clear that Del. George would be a primary sponsor.

Ryan noted that the overall goal is to get everyone to call their own state legislators without limitation. The group supported this, and felt that we would soon be at this point, after some preliminary meetings.

**Outreach Committee Report (Joe):**

 The Committee doesn’t have a Chair; Noel volunteered to become Chair of the Outreach Committee.

 We will plan for a party at Noel’s house in October, and a public meeting with Ryan as the speaker in November.

Joe noted that he can make another 8 x 3 foot (or larger) vinyl banner for $100 using Adobe Illustrator (Click here: <http://www.getmoneyoutmd.org/slogans_props> for an image of our first banner). Joe asked for slogans: Ryan suggested: ‘Let’s have a conversation,’ ‘The 28th amendment,’ ‘For Free and Fair Elections’ (etc).

 Joe noted that he can host phone banks twice a month on a Sunday to call several hundred local progressives, whose

phone numbers we have, to widen our sphere of influence and active participants.

Hillary noted that a one-page flier would be helpful. We have the Wolf-Pac flier: [www.wolf-pac.com/onesheet](http://www.wolf-pac.com/onesheet)

(also linked from the GMOM Resources page: [www.wolf-pac.com/onesheet](http://www.wolf-pac.com/onesheet). Ryan noted that this flier has a blank space in the corner which would accommodate a custom Avery label for local contact info. Also, Michael just drafted an excellent one-page summary for legislators (or for anyone) which is excellent, and also linked from the GMOM Resources page. [www.GetMoneyOutMD.org](http://www.GetMoneyOutMD.org) business cards, with phone number, were distributed.

Mark quickly got almost 600 signatories for an online petition he created for another issue at Change.org / MOveOn.org; some contact info from signatories is available; this could be used for our issue.

Despite this discussion of outreach, Joe noted that the whole idea of an Outreach Committee is in question, since our main task is to learn to make calls, to actually make calls (to legislators and to recruit volunteers), to teach others to make calls, and to recruit others to recruit others to make calls. We already have enough people to begin this process, and the 200 potential volunteers across Maryland, as soon as we are ready to begin training them. Proceeding without additional outreach would be more efficient, and is what Wolf-Pac recommends. The group seemed to agree with this, but was also interested in pursuing some outreach activities as well.

**Committee Structure:** Joe suggested doing away with the two Committees and instead having a weekly conference call (in addition to the

 monthly Board meeting). The group decided to keep the Committee structure as is, and not to have general GMOM

weekly conference calls for now.

**Training:**

The group decided to have a training / roll-play meeting in order to prepare to make oral presentations (on the Convention issue) to legislators, etc. This meeting will be held on Thursday August 1st at 7 pm, tentatively at Noel’s house in Pikesville. Those who feel they can teach will prepare to do so. All others should prepare and practice this activity prior to the meeting (and to study info on the GMOM website and links).

Next Meeting: August 28th 7 pm (Fourth Wednesday of every month). We will try to get another room here at the

Adjourn approx 8:10 pm.

Minutes by Joe Adams

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